

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claim 1 (Currently Amended)

An electrostatic latent image developing toner ~~which~~  
~~comprises~~ comprising:

colored particles, ~~comprising~~ including a resin and a  
colorant, ~~and~~ ; and

external additive particles,

wherein a volume average particle diameter of the  
toner is 4.0-8.0  $\mu\text{m}$  and a sum of the colored particles and  
the external additive particles having particle diameter of  
at most 2.5  $\mu\text{m}$  is 0.1-10 percent by volume based on the sum  
of the colored particles and the external additive  
particles.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended)

The electrostatic latent image developing toner of  
claim 1, wherein the sum of the colored particles and the  
external additive particles having particle diameter of at  
most 2.5  $\mu\text{m}$  is 0.3-8 percent by volume based on the sum of  
the colored particles and the external additive particles.

## Claim 3 (Currently Amended)

The electrostatic latent image developing toner of claim 1, wherein the external additive particles having particle diameter of at most 2.5  $\mu\text{m}$  is 0.5-5 percent by volume based on the sum of the colored particles and the external additive particles.

## Claim 4 (Currently Amended)

The electrostatic latent image developing toner of claim 1, wherein the colored particles having particle diameter of at most 2.5  $\mu\text{m}$  is 9 percent or less by volume based on the colored particles.

## Claim 5 (Currently Amended)

The electrostatic latent image developing toner of claim 4, wherein the colored particles having particle diameter of at most 2.5  $\mu\text{m}$  is 0.05-8 percent by volume based on the colored particles.

## Claim 6 (Currently Amended)

The electrostatic latent image developing toner of claim 1, wherein the external additive particles having

particle diameter of at most 2.5  $\mu\text{m}$  is 5 percent or less by volume based on the external additive particles.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended)

The electrostatic latent image developing toner of claim 3, wherein the external additive particles having particle diameter of at most 2.5  $\mu\text{m}$  is 0.05-5 percent by volume based on the external additive particles.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended)

The electrostatic latent image developing toner of claim 1,

wherein the colored particles of at most 2.5  $\mu\text{m}$  is 9 percent or less by volume based on the colored particles, and

the external additive particles having particle diameter of at most 2.5  $\mu\text{m}$  is 0.05-5 percent by volume based on the external additive particles, and

~~a volume average particle diameter of the toner is 4.0-8.0  $\mu\text{m}$  and sum of the colored particles and the external additive particles of at most 2.5  $\mu\text{m}$  is 0.1 - 10 percent by volume based on the sum of the colored particles and the external additive particles.~~

Claim 9 (Withdrawn)

An image forming method comprising steps of:  
electrically charging a photoreceptor;  
imagewise exposing the photoreceptor so that a latent image is formed on the photoreceptor; and  
developing the latent image with toner so that a toner image is formed on the photoreceptor;  
transferring the color image on the photoreceptor to a image supporting material, and  
fixing the transferred color image,  
wherein the method employs a toner as claimed in claim 1, and a toner image formed on an image support is fixed employing a contact heating system.

Claim 10 (Withdrawn)

An image forming method comprising steps of:  
electrically charging a photoreceptor;  
imagewise exposing the photoreceptor so that a latent image is formed on the photoreceptor; and  
developing the latent image with toner so that a toner image is formed on the photoreceptor;  
transferring the color image on the photoreceptor to an intermediate transfer body,

transferring the color image on the intermediate transfer body to an image supporting material, and  
fixing the transferred color image,  
wherein the method employs a toner as claimed in claim 1.

Claim 11 (Withdrawn)

A method of forming a toner image, comprising steps of:

(a) forming a color image on a photoreceptor by repeating steps of, employing a toner having a different color in each step:

electrically charging a photoreceptor;

imagewise exposing the photoreceptor so that a latent image is formed on the photoreceptor; and

developing the latent image with toner so that a toner image is formed on the photoreceptor;

(b) transferring the color image on the photoreceptor to a image supporting material, and

(c) fixing the transferred color image, wherein each toner is a toner as claimed in claim 1.

Claim 12 (Withdrawn)

A method of forming a toner image, comprising steps of:

(a) forming a color image on an intermediate transfer body by repeating steps of, employing a toner having a different color in each step:

electrically charging a photoreceptor;

imagewise exposing the photoreceptor so that a latent image is formed on the photoreceptor; and

developing the latent image with toner so that a toner image is formed on the photoreceptor;

transferring the toner image on the photoreceptor to the intermediate transfer body,

(b) transferring the color image on the intermediate transfer body to a image supporting material, and

(c) fixing the transferred color image on the image supporting material, wherein each toner is a toner as claimed in claim 1.

Claim 13 (New Claim)

The electrostatic latent image developing toner of claim 1, wherein the external additive particles have a number average particle diameter of 5-1,500 nm.

## Claim 14 (New Claim)

The electrostatic latent image developing toner of claim 1, wherein the external additive particles comprise silica, alumina, titania, zirconia, barium titanate, aluminum titanate, strontium titanate, magnesium titanate, zinc oxide, chromium oxide, cerium oxide, antimony oxide, tungsten oxide, tin oxide, tellurium oxide, manganese oxide, boron oxide, silicon carbide, boron carbide, titanium carbide, silicon nitride, titanium nitride or boron nitride.

## Claim 15 (New Claim)

The electrostatic latent image developing toner of claim 1, further comprising a compound represented by formula  $R_1-(OCO-R_2)_n$ , wherein  $n$  represents an integer of 1 to 4,  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  each respectively represent a hydrocarbon group which may have a substituent,  $R_1$  has from 1 to 40 carbon atoms, and  $R_2$  has from 1 to 40 carbon atoms.

## Claim 16 (New Claim)

An electrostatic latent image developing toner comprising:

colored particles including a resin and a colorant;  
and

external additive particles,

wherein a volume average particle diameter of the toner is 4.0-8.0  $\mu\text{m}$  and a sum of the colored particles and the external additive particles having particle diameter of at most 2.5  $\mu\text{m}$  is 0.1-10 percent by volume based on the sum of the colored particles and the external additive particles, and

wherein the external additive particles having particle diameter of at most 2.5  $\mu\text{m}$  is 0.5-5 percent by volume based on the sum of the colored particles and the external additive particles.

Claim 17 (New Claim)

The electrostatic latent image developing toner of claim 16, wherein the sum of the colored particles and the external additive particles having particle diameter of at most 2.5  $\mu\text{m}$  is 0.3-8 percent by volume based on the sum of the colored particles and the external additive particles.

Claim 18 (New Claim)

The electrostatic latent image developing toner of claim 17, wherein the external additive particles have a number average particle diameter of 5-1,500 nm.



## Claim 19 (New Claim)

The electrostatic latent image developing toner of claim 18, wherein the external additive particles comprise silica, alumina, titania, zirconia, barium titanate, aluminum titanate, strontium titanate, magnesium titanate, zinc oxide, chromium oxide, cerium oxide, antimony oxide, tungsten oxide, tin oxide, tellurium oxide, manganese oxide, boron oxide, silicon carbide, boron carbide, titanium carbide, silicon nitride, titanium nitride or boron nitride.

## Claim 20 (New Claim)

The electrostatic latent image developing toner of claim 18, further comprising a compound represented by formula  $R_1-(OCO-R_2)_n$ , wherein  $n$  represents an integer of 1 to 4,  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  each respectively represent a hydrocarbon group which may have a substituent,  $R_1$  has from 1 to 40 carbon atoms, and  $R_2$  has from 1 to 40 carbon atoms.

## Claim 21 (New Claim)

The electrostatic latent image developing toner of claim 16, wherein the colored particles having particle diameter of at most  $2.5\ \mu\text{m}$  is 9 percent or less by volume based on the colored particles.

## Claim 22 (New Claim)

The electrostatic latent image developing toner of claim 16, wherein the colored particles having particle diameter of at most 2.5  $\mu\text{m}$  is 0.05-8 percent by volume based on the colored particles.

## Claim 23 (New Claim)

The electrostatic latent image developing toner of claim 16, wherein the external additive particles having particle diameter of at most 2.5  $\mu\text{m}$  is 5 percent or less by volume based on the external additive particles.

## Claim 24 (New Claim)

The electrostatic latent image developing toner of claim 16, wherein the colored particles of at most 2.5  $\mu\text{m}$  is 9 percent or less by volume based on the colored particles, and the external additive particles having particle diameter of at most 2.5  $\mu\text{m}$  is 0.05-5 percent by volume based on the external additive particles.